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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Mr. Christopher J. Holt, P.E.
Illinois Department of Transportation
Bureau of Local Roads and Streets
201 West Center Court
Schaumburg, Illinois 60196-1096

Dear Mr. Holt:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will provide support activities to the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) for the Lakefront Trail over Ogden Slip and DuSable Park. EPA will provide support through review and approval of planning documents to address radioactive thorium encountered during the project. This proposed project, known as the Navy Pier Flyover, is expected to provide a safe, grade-separated, multi-use path to one of the most congested segments of the 18.5-mile Lakefront Trail.

CDOT and the Chicago Park District have been coordinating with EPA on the proposed work in DuSable Park. DuSable Park is part of the Lindsay Light II radioactive thorium soil removal sites. CDOT has committed to taking appropriate health and safety precautions during construction of the flyover and will conduct radiation surveillance in areas suspected or known to contain radioactive thorium contamination. If radioactive contamination is identified, CDOT will remove and dispose of the contaminated material in accordance with EPA-approved work plans.

If you have technical questions or need additional information, please contact Verneta Simon at (312) 886-3601 or Eugene Jablonowski at (312) 886-4591. Legal questions should be directed to Cathleen Martwick at (312) 886-7166 or Mary Fulghum at (312) 886-4683.

Sincerely,


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